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Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3753 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M Waters (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 6/12/2018

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

**NKWINTI GE, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 15/12/2018

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3753

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3753. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) (a) How often does her department conduct inspection visits to sewerage processing plants throughout the country, (b) what are the dates of the latest inspections at each sewerage plant, (c) which plants failed to meet minimum standards and (d) what action was taken in each regard;
- (2) whether she has been informed of the allegation that 50 000 litres of sewerage flows into our rivers every day (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what action is her department taking in this regard and (b) which municipalities are the biggest culprits in this regard? NW4329E

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1)(a) The Department prioritizes sewerage plants that were found to be critical in terms of their operation and monitors them quarterly.
- (1)(b) The latest inspections were done in the previous quarter.
- (1)(c) Refer to **Annexure A** for the list of plants that failed to meet the minimum standards in the last quarter (July-September 2018).
- (1)(d) Refer to **Annexure B** for the Non-Compliance letter issued by Northern Cape Provincial operations for Siyathemba LM associated with the following WWTW refer to:
- Prieska WWTW
 - Marydale WWTW
 - Niekerkshoop WWTW
- (2) The Department is aware of these media reports and is dealing with this non-compliance through routine inspections of these wastewater treatment works and through administrative action where non-compliance occurs.

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List of Plants which failed to meet the minimum standards in the last quarter (July-September 2018):

- Tugela Ferry WWTW
- Rosendaal (Mautse)WWTW
- Winburg WWTW
- Steynsrus WWTW
- Wesselsbron WWTW
- Heilbron WWTW
- Ekangala WWTW
- Rooiwal East WWTW
- Rooiwal North WWTW
- Flip Human WWTW
- Zongesien WWTW
- Senwamokgope WWTW
- Elandskraal WWTW
- Groblersdal WWTW
- Jane Furse WWTW
- Moroke Mecklenberg WWTW
- Motetema WWTW
- Tubatse WWTW
- Musina Singelela WWTW
- Thohoyandou WWTW
- Balfour WWTW
- Grootvlei Eskom WWTW
- Grootvlei Mine WWTW
- Siyabuswa WWTW
- Ferrobank WWTW
- Riverview WWTW
- Kriel WWTW
- Ruitspruit WWTW
- Delmas WWTW
- Botleng WWTW
- Waterval Boven WWTW
- Belfast WWTW
- Kwazamokuhle WWTW
- Blinkpan WWTW
- Brits WWTW
- Lethlabile WWTW
- Delareyville WWTW
- Atamelang WWTW
- Wolmaranstad WWTW
- Leeudoringstad WWTW
- Rulaganyang WWTW
- Warrenton WWTW
- Jankempdorp WWTW
- Douglas WWTW
- Griekwastad WWTW
- Hopetown New WWTW



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BY HAND OR REGISTERED MAIL

The Municipal Manager
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Attention: Mr. Stadhouer Isaac William (Municipal Manager)
Cc : Mr Basson Jacob (Technical Manager)

Dear Sir

NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE TOWARDS DISCHARGING FINAL EFFLUENT WITHOUT CHLORINATION CHEMICAL TO A GOLF CLUB AND ABSENT OF PROCESS CONTROLLERS, SUPERVISOR AND MAINTANANCE TEAM ON SITE: SIYATHEMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

I, Abraham Andreas Marthinus Abrahams, in my capacity as Provincial Head: Northern Cape of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and duly authorised in terms of powers delegated to me by the Minister hereby give you, Mr. standhour Isaac William, in your capacity as the Municipal Manager of Siyathemba Local Municipality, a written non compliance was issue, in terms of section (62) and 82 (1) and (2) of the Water Services Act 1997(Act No 108 of 1997)

Department of Water and Sanitation is mandated to monitor Water Service Authorities in terms of Section 62 of the Water Service Act, 1997 (Act No. 108 of 1997) which states that:

1. The Minister and any relevant Province must monitor the performance of every water service institution in order to ensure-
 - (a) Compliance with all applicable national standards prescribed under this Act;
 - (b) Compliance with all norms and standard for tariffs prescribed under this Act; and
 - (c) Compliance with every applicable development plan, policy statement or business plan adopted in terms of this Act
2. Every Water Service institution must-
 - (a) Furnish such information as may be required by the Minister after consultation with the Minister for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development; and
 - (b) Allow the Minister access to its books, records and physical assets to the extent necessary for the Minister to carry out the monitoring functions contemplated in subsection (1)



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And Section 82 (1) (2), which states:

- (1) No person may
 - (e) Fail or refuse to give information or give false or misleading information when required to give information in terms of this Act; and
 - (f) Fail to provide access to any books, accounts, documents or assets when required to do so in terms of this Act.
- 2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable of conviction to a fine or to imprisonment or to both such fine and imprisonment.

3. The official of DWS –NC conducted an investigation at Prieska Waste Water Treatment Plant and all water supply systems (Prieka, Marydale and Niekerkshoop) on the 13-14 September 2018. The findings of the inspection were as follows

Findings (Waste Water Plant)

- 3.1 The final effluent was not treated
- 3.2 The water use license to irrigate the golf club was not available.
- 3.3 The process controller's class I was not available.
- 3.4 The supervisor was not registered according to the regulation 813
- 3.5 The maintenance team qualifications were not available.
- 3.6 The risk abatement plan was not review since 2013

Findings (Water Treatment Plant)

- 3.7 The water treatment plant at Marydale and Niekerkshoop was not classified.
- 3.8 The shortage of process controllers class III and Class I all water treatment plant was observed.
- 3.9 The supervisor was not registered according to the regulation 813
- 3.10 The maintenance team qualifications was not available
- 3.11 The water safety plan was not review.
- 3.12 The drinking water quality failures was not re-sampling according SANS 241

You are hereby afforded an opportunity to make a written representation to the Department within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of this notice, if you believe there are no compelling reasons for this Department not exercise its powers

You are required to submit the following information:

- 4. A short term emergency Plan: the corrective action plan stating time frames, responsible person and required budget with regards to the above mentioned issues on or before 15.10.2018

Should you have any further queries, please contact Miss Mapuma at 082 875 9037.

Yours sincerely



MR. AAM ABRAHAMS
PROVINCIAL HEAD: NORTHERN CAPE
DATE: 28/09/2018





NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Internal Ref Number: 2081 - 2018
Submission Date: 27.11.2018
Question Asked By: Mr M Waters
Question Asked To: Minister of Environmental Affairs

Question:

1. (a) How often does her Department conduct oversight visits to sewerage processing plants throughout South Africa, (b) provide the dates of the last inspection at each sewerage plant, (c) which plants failed to meet minimum standards and (d) what action was taken in each regard;
2. Is her department aware of the allegation that 50 000 litres of sewerage flows into our rivers every day (articles attached, <https://mg.co.za/article/2017-07-21-south-africas-shit-has-hit-the-fan> and <https://mg.co.za/article/2018-08-24-00-the-vaal-remains-up-shit-creek>); if not, why not; if so, (a) what action is her Department taking in this regard and (b) which municipalities are the biggest culprits in this regard?

Researcher: Ruan van der Walt (3161 or ruanvdw@da.org.za)

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